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LB 829

support for LB 829 would be appreciated. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, we are getting down to principle time and you are going to have to listen to a little lecture from me this afternoon because I was sorely wounded. I admitted that I had been made a fool of. I will allow myself to receive whatever scorn and ridicule I am due for having been placed in that untenable position and one which for me is as uncomfortable as it is unusual. Now in the old days when ships were on the high seas they had what were called "pirates" and these pirates had a flag called the "Jolly Roger" and it consisted of a skull beneath which were crossbones and the way the pirates would trick their quarry is to fly what is called a "false flag". You fly a legitimate flag so that legitimate ships will not flee from you thinking that you are a pirate who will board and plunder. Now if the Jolly Roger is run up early, then the quarry will flee and escape. So before raising the Jolly Roger, they make sure that the quarry is catchable. Then the Jolly Roger is run up and the quarry says, "Woe is me. I have been had." To be twice bitten by the same dog makes you a fool two times over. I am not going to be that. I voted for 829 earlier and it was a principle vote. To vote for it now would be joining activities that I think are reprehensible and totally wrong. There is a difference between compromising on an issue because everybody is trying to get something but there are other types of compromises that relate to principles, and when people represent themselves to be one thing and then I find they have flown a false flag, they may be able to get others to play the same game to go along but not I said the fly. So the Jolly Roger was run up too soon on LB 961 or whatever that optometrist bill was, 561. The optometrist bill was bad when it flew the skull and crossbones honestly under the number 561 and it is doubly bad when it flies the false flag under 829. I voted for the optometrist bill because I was deceived this morning and it flew the false flag of 809 but now that I have had my eyes open and I see an 829, 561, I will not be bitten twice by the same dog. So whereas I had supported it